



What hardware and software will attorneys need to participate in CM/ECF?

A personal computer (Pentium class recommended) running a standard platform such as Windows 95, 98, Me, 2000, XP with at least 128 MB of RAM. Macintosh equivalents are also acceptable.

Internet access via Cable modem, DSL (Digital Subscriber Line), ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) or T1 line. Standard Dial-up modem access (56 K speed) is not recommended because its connection speed from the Internet to the CM/ECF will be very slow when downloading/uploading files from the server.

An Internet Service Provider using point-to-point protocol (PPP). America On Line is not endorsed for use with ECF.

Internet Explorer (IE) 5.5 or newer (6.0) or Netscape Navigator version 4.6X or 4.7X.

Software to convert documents from a word processor format to portable document format (PDF). Adobe Acrobat PDF Writer, as well as certain word processing programs can perform this function. Acrobat Writer Version 5.0 and earlier versions, 3.X, 4.X meet the CM/ECF filing requirements. Adobe can be contacted at 1-888-724-4508. For viewing documents, not authoring them; only Adobe Acrobat Reader is needed.

A PDF-compatible word processing program, such as WordPerfect or Microsoft Word. (Macintosh word processing software allowing PDF file conversion is also acceptable.)

A scanner to transmit documents that are not in your word processing system. A scanner equipped with an automatic document feeder is recommended for faster scanning of multiple page documents.